

Top 10 Cities for Single Women

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Back in early May, I wrote about the Top 10 Cities for Single Men based on housing data and other research provided by Rent.com.

We learned that single men own more often than they rent, are willing to pay more for convenience, and are (shocking!) less likely to manage their own household chores. We also learned that Texas, the East Coast and warmer climates like [Miami](#), [New Orleans](#) and [Los Angeles](#) beckon the unmarried male renter.

Of course this begs the obvious question: What about all the single ladies? What are they looking for when it comes to selecting a city to call home? What kind of housing stock attracts independent women?

To find the answers to these questions, Rent.com recently surveyed single U.S. female renters and homeowners to better understand their habits and attitudes toward their bachelorette pads. Here's what they learned:

- Forget about the Sex and the City stereotype of the urban single woman on the continuous manhunt. A mere 17 percent of female renters desire unattached men as neighbors. 25 percent of respondents would prefer to have a cat or dog next door in favor of a date-seeking male. This stands in contrast to the 45 percent of male renters who desire proximity to unmarried women. Sorry guys.
- More than a third of all single women rent. 36 percent of single women are renters, 54 percent own their homes, and another 10 percent live with friends or family for free (mostly recent college grads under the age of 25). And those women who live independently don't want to share their space! Only 9 percent of unattached females choose living quarters with a roommate.
- Single women are thrifty. 57 percent of those surveyed listed home value or apartment affordability as their top priorities.

What do these statistics say about the modern single lady and her motivations when entering the housing market?

According to Christina Aragon, Director of Strategy & Consumer Insights at Rent.com, "In today's society, women are choosing to get married later in life, pursuing higher degrees and continuing to close the salary gap. Never-married women are also now earning 94 percent of what their single male counterparts are earning, which has increased over the years. Because women are delaying marriage and starting families later in life, they are also therefore living alone for longer periods of time."

So which urban areas present that perfect package of professional opportunity, social engagement and hot date potential that appeals to the modern single woman? Check out these Top 10 Cities for Single Women:

3. [Austin, Texas](#)

[Rent.com](#) describes the quirky Texas town as “the up-and-coming capital for creative singles.” The outside-the-box social scene works to the female advantage since single men outnumber women.



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